Research Matrix Handout

# Observe (Know)

1. Author/work you want write about:
2. Genre:
3. Something it makes you think or feel:
4. A recurring theme or symbol that intrigues you:
5. Another work this one reminds you of:

# Brainstorm

What do you wonder about? Write three questions that you have about your work/author that could help you better understand the who, what, when, where, why, or how it is significant:

1.
2.

Write 4 keywords for searching, based on what you know, and what your questions are about:

# Patterns in the search results

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| Synonyms:   |  |  |  |  |
| Related Terms:   |  |  |  |  |

**Notes on searching using your keywords:**

1. Expand or limit search terms based on the results you get.

2. Use quotations around phrases of two or more words: “HIV stigma”

3. Consider using multiple spellings of a word or the \* to get several iterations of a word. Ex: Psychol\* (psychology, psychological, psychologist, etc)

4. Boolean operators such as AND/OR/NOT will expand or narrow your search.

5. Research starts with a spark of curiosity and is non-linear, so it’s okay to refine your search terms and ideas as you go!